

Do you qualify for the CACFP Afterschool Meals Program?

The answer might surprise you!

What are the requirements to participate?

1. This program is not just for afterschool programs. Traditional child care centers may be eligible to participate as long as some or all of the children who attend your center are only attending after school. Participants can include children enrolled in preschool, Head Start, Early Head Start, etc. and must have enrollment separate from your child care program.
2. Your center must be located in the attendance area of a school where 50% or more of the enrolled children are certified as eligible for free or reduced price meals. Check here: [OPI Free/Reduced Eligibility Data](#) or contact us to find out.
3. If your center is not already participating in the CACFP, you must also meet the CACFP requirements.

What are the benefits to participation?

1. You will receive a **larger reimbursement** check each month because all meals and snacks served under this program are reimbursed at the free rate. (Maximum of 1 snack and 1 meal per child per day may be reimbursed.)
2. You will have **less paperwork** because children attending the CACFP Afterschool Program do not need to have Income Eligibility Forms (IEFs) on file while they are attending this program.

If you are interested in finding out more, please call the CACFP office at (888) 307-9333

